

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

- 1 1. A method of redirecting a web page request, comprising the steps of:
2 receiving at a CGI script an old URL specified by a web browser;
3 mapping said old URL to a new URL based on a data owner specified
4 mapping accessible from said CGI script; and
5 outputting said new URL to said web browser.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 receiving said old URL at a web server;
3 determining that said old URL is associated with said CGI script; and
4 passing said old URL to said CGI script.

- 1 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of parsing said old URL to
2 identify a higher level URL in said old URL, and using said higher level URL to
3 determine that said old URL is associated with said CGI script.

- 1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of passing said old URL to said
2 associated CGI script comprises the step of using a redirect directive in a web server
3 configuration file on said web server.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of associating a message
2 with at least one data owner specified mapping of an old URL to a new URL.

- 1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of outputting said
2 associated message to said web browser.

1 7. A system for redirecting a web page request, comprising:
2 a data owner specified mapping of old URLs to new URLs;
3 a CGI script configured to receive an old URL specified by a web browser and
4 to access said mapping in order to obtain a new URL; and
5 an output for outputting said new URL to said web browser.

1 8. The system of claim 7, further comprising a web server, said web server being
2 configured to receive said old URL, associate said old URL with said CGI script, and
3 pass said old URL to said CGI script.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein said web server comprises a module
2 configured to parse said old URL to identify a higher level URL in said old URL, and
3 to associate said old URL with said CGI script based on said higher level URL.

1 10. The system of claim 9, further comprising a web server configuration file on
2 said web server configured to provide a redirect directive for passing said old URL to
3 said CGI script.

1 11. The system of claim 7, further comprising a message associated with at least
2 one data owner specified mapping of an old URL to a new URL.

1 12. The system of claim 11, further comprising an output for outputting said
2 message to said web browser.

1 13. A computer program product for redirecting a web page request, the computer
2 program product comprising:

3 a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means
4 embodied in the medium for redirecting a web page request, the computer program
5 code means including:

6 computer readable program code means for receiving at a CGI script an old
7 URL specified by a web browser;

8 computer readable program code means embodied in said CGI script for
9 mapping said old URL to a new URL based on a data owner specified mapping
10 accessible by said CGI script; and

11 computer readable program code means for outputting said new URL to said
12 web browser.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising computer
2 readable program code means for receiving said old URL at a web server,
3 determining that said old URL is associated with said CGI script, and passing said old
4 URL to said CGI script.

1 15 The computer program product of claim 14, further comprising computer
2 readable program code means for parsing said old URL to identify a higher level
3 URL in said old URL, and using said higher level URL to determine that said old
4 URL is associated with said CGI script.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, further comprising computer
2 readable program code means for providing a redirect directive for passing said old
3 URL to said CGI script.